

ST PAUL'S
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ST PAUL'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026

12 NOON SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS

PREACHER:

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THE ORDER OF MASS

The Mass is sung to "OrgelsoloMesse" (K259) by Mozart. Stand when the bell is rung.

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

All respond to the prayer: Amen.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

(When the Procession arrives at the statue of our Patron, a prayer is offered before the hymn resumes.)

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluya! Alleluya!**

The Entrance Antiphon is sung by the choir.

THE GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Principal Celebrant welcomes the faithful to the Mass and invites them to the Penitential Act.

A brief silence follows before all say:

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

(striking their breast)

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution by the Principal Celebrant follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

¶ *Sit after the opening phrase*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

¶ *Stand*

THE COLLECT

All respond to the prayer: Amen.

¶ *Sit*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-27

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 117

The response to the Psalm:

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

SECOND READING: Galatians 1:11-20

¶ *Stand as the Gospel Acclamation begins*

THE GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-18

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *Sit*

THE HOMILY

¶ *Stand*

THE CREED

I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father, before all worlds:

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God.

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven:

(we bow our heads for the next two lines)

**and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the
dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.**

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy. *or:* Lord, hear us.

hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

We are invited to ask for the prayers of Our Lady:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of
God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

All respond to the concluding prayer: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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HYMN

**We sing the glorious conquest
Before Damascus' gate,
When Saul, the Church's spoiler,
Came breathing threats and hate;
The ravening wolf rushed forward
Full early to the prey;
But lo! the Shepherd met him,
And bound him fast to-day!**

**2. O Glory most excelling
That smote across his path!
O Light that pierced and blinded
The zealot in his wrath!
O Voice that spake within him
The calm reproving word!
O Love that sought and held him
The bondman of his Lord!**

3. O Wisdom, ordering all things
In order strong and sweet,
What nobler spoil was ever
Cast at the Victor's feet?
What wiser master-builder
E'er wrought at thine employ,
Than he, till now so furious
Thy building to destroy?

4. Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,
Still in her darkest hour
Of weakness and of danger
To trust thy hidden power.
Thy grace by ways mysterious
The wrath of man can bind,
And in thy boldest foeman
Thy chosen saint can find!

The Principal Celebrant continues with the Orate Fratres:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

All respond to the Prayer over the Offerings:

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Principal Celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and then the Sanctus & Benedictus are sung:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Kneel*

After the words of consecration, the acclamation is made:

The mystery of faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

All respond to the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Amen.

¶ *Stand*

THE COMMUNION RITE

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all
distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace
and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

During the Fraction the Agnus Dei is sung.

¶ *Kneel*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised and receive Holy Communion in their own church may receive Communion here.

During Communion, the Communion Antiphon and Hymn are sung:

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt
praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the
waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we
pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

¶ *Stand*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All respond to the prayer: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

All respond to each bidding: Amen.

All respond to the words of the Dismissal: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

How bright these glorious spirits
shine!
Whence all their white array?
How came they to the blissful
seats
Of everlasting day?

2. Lo! these are they from
sufferings great
Who came to realms of light,
And in the blood of Christ have
washed
Those robes that shine so bright.

3. Now with triumphal palms they
stand
Before the throne on high,
And serve the God they love
amidst
The glories of the sky.

4. Hunger and thirst are felt no
more,
Nor sun with scorching ray;
God is their sun, whose cheering
beams
Diffuse eternal day.

5. The Lamb who dwells amid the
throne,
Shall o'er them still preside,
Feed them with nourishment
divine,
And all their footsteps guide.

6. In pastures green he'll lead his
flock
Where living streams appear;
And God the Lord from every eye
Shall wipe off every tear.

The relic of St Paul will be available for veneration at the Sanctuary step following the Mass.

All are warmly invited to join us after the liturgy for refreshments.